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The New Church.

The opening of the new Anglican Church in Strathmore marks a further step in the development of the community, and the very large attendance at both services last Sunday shows the interest the people of the town take in the welfare of anything that is for the town's good. The Anglicans of Strathmore though they may be a small body, are members of one of the largest sections of professing Christians throughout the world and one that has always taken an active part in every forward Christian movement, so it is only seemly that they should have a building worthy of that Church in Strathmore. The announcement that \$550 has been donated towards the extension of the church will be hailed with satisfaction.

There are now two churches built and being used for public worship, and preparations are being made for the erection of a third. Fresh territories have never been in the habit of being far behind Methodists and Anglicans, and it should not be long before the third church is built.

All this activity in church building goes to show that Strathmore is not a sorbed in mundane matters to the exclusion of the things which are not of this world, and in this there is reason for satisfaction.

Strathmore Advancing.

It does not require the eye of a detective to see that Strathmore is at present progressing very fast, and growing in size and population, and that the surrounding district is also very quickly being peopled. The reports in our news columns of late being so I and large tracts of land being bought up are in themselves testimony to these facts. In every issue since we commenced publication we have chronicled the erection or prospective erection of new properties in the town, and also of the sale of large tracts of farm land. We have not had to go our side of Strathmore for our news. Every item regarding sales and building has been purely local. Our other items of news also show the progress of the town, and it is not only our own opinions that we have to back up on a systematic basis. For instance, there will be found in our present issue reports of interviews with two distinguished gentlemen who visited our town during the week, and both of them were unanimous in marvelling at the growth of the town and district, and in predicting a still greater advance in the future. There are also the evidences of progress in other than a material sense in the reports of the building and opening of churches, and in the social life of the community. With all this, therefore, it is no wonder that the people of Strathmore are looking forward with confidence to the future, and extending their businesses accordingly.

In the short time the STANDARD has been in existence it has done much to spread abroad the fame of the Strathmore district. Copies have been sent to all parts of the world, and especially to the United States. We believe it is a good thing to keep the district before the eyes

of the world, and we shall continue that policy in the future. We will not, however, exaggerate. There is no need to.

From small beginnings have risen the greatest of towns. Rome was not built in a day. Neither was Strathmore, but every day Strathmore is a little larger, and the ratio of increase is also becoming greater daily.

Remarkable Wheat Yield
51 BUSHELS PER ACRE.

Mr Christian, south of town, has just threshed his first crop, consisting of spring wheat and oats, this week. Sixty acres of oats grown on last year's breaking yielded him an average of 51 bushels per acre. One field of his spring wheat yielded him an average of 48 bushels, and that part of his field which was seeded early in April yielded him an average of 51 bushels. This will be of interest to a great many of Mr Christian's friends and neighbours for the reason that he has very decidedly done of his own as to the way the soil should be prepared for a crop, and at the present writing none of us are prepared to dispute his opinions.

\$48,000 Deal Concluded.

1500 ACRES PURCHASED
FOUR MILES FROM STRATHMORE.

One of the largest land deals of the season was closed on Tuesday by our local real estate man, Mr Frank T. M'Ee.

Mr E. E. Green and three associates of Missoula, Montana, incorporated as the Strathmore Farm Company, of which Mr Green is a stockholder and manager, will develop and operate about 2500 acres of choice farm land situated about 6 or 7 miles east of town.

Mr Green comes very well recommended, having been Principal of the High School in the city of Missoula for the past three years. He has been in Strathmore for some time past looking after the interests of the Company.

Salvationists Visit Strathmore.

SEVERAL OFFICERS HERE
INSPECTING SITE FOR
COLONY.

On Tuesday Captain Coombs and two other officers of the Salvation Army were in the district on a visit to the ground which the Army has secured for a colony about nine miles north of Strathmore.

They were very well pleased with the work which has already been done by the Canadian Pacific Irrigation Colonization Co. in putting up fences, sinking wells, ploughing, etc.

Capt. Coombs stated that over 120 colonists would be brought over from England by the Army next spring. These settlers would all be of the best type, and would do much to assist the development of the district.

The ground purchased has been divided into 50-acre farms, and on each farm the C.P.I.C. Co. has already broken 50 acres of ground, so that everything will be in readiness for the colonists to start work at once when they arrive.

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The Careful Farmer Will Get Busy Now.

From now until planting time next spring every farmer who hopes to make the largest crops with the least labor and cost, and without injury to his land, should lose no opportunity to do fall and winter plowing wherever the conditions of the soil are favorable, and it is practical to have the work done.

There are two great advantages in plowing land in the fall which is intended to be planted in the spring—one, the saving of time; the other is that the land is in so much better condition for holding moisture and producing a crop. Fall plowing with soil land is often quite a saving, as soil plowed under in the fall and subjected to the action of the weather during winter is much more readily put into a good condition for the seed than if left until spring. But in the Bow Valley it is the general opinion that soil plowing should be done not later in the year than the end of June. The same may, to a considerable extent, be said of stiff, clay soil. With a heavy soil, however, there is not so much to gain; in fact, some good farmers consider it rather detrimental than otherwise to plow heavy sandy soil in the fall or winter.

In most cases land that has been well plowed in the fall will not require to be replowed in the spring further than to be given a thorough raking and then going over with a smoothing harrow to level and pulverize. Most spring crops, especially oats, it is quite an advantage that the soil be well prepared and thoroughly pulverized.

Land deeply plowed in the fall and given good surface drainage will dry out much sooner in the spring, hold moisture better and be in better condition to work than land that has not been plowed. So in nearly all cases, by plowing well in the fall, seeding or planting can be done earlier than would otherwise be possible, and the crop be in much better condition. Another advantage in fall plowing of land intended for spring crops is that it affords a better opportunity of applying manure during the winter.

There is not so much benefit in fall plowing of land that has been in cultivation for some time, and not properly managed, is devoid of humus, and is liable to pack after heavy rains. Such land plowed in the fall should be replowed in the spring, and therefore, all or most of the benefits of fall plowing would be lost.

One of the principal objections urged to fall plowing is the injury the land may be subjected to from washing. In some cases this is so great that it will not be advisable to plow in the fall, but in others care in plowing and in running out the furrows, would have to avoid this. In most cases where fall plowing is done care should be taken to save all the manure possible, and plow at least a portion of it under.

New Church Opened in Strathmore

The new church in connection with the Church of England in this parish was formally opened last Sabbath. Harvest thanksgiving services were held at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The service in the morning was conducted by the Rev. T. W. Castle, newly appointed minister in charge. The church was tastefully decorated with grain, vegetables and flowers, which had been supplied by members of the congregation. The bursar at 7:30 p.m. was the Rev. J. W. Waddy. Splendid congregations were present at both services. The choir under the able leadership of Mr. Rowe rendered splendid service. Mr. Lambert presided at the organ. The collections during the day were for the Home Mission Fund of the Diocese.

Delicately services in connection with the new church will be held as soon as the church and tower are completed. The church is now dedicated to St. Michael and All Angels.

Where is my boy tonight? You are his father or mother, and if you desire to lay your hands on your boy within five minutes, any night, you wouldn't know where to find him. He is on the street somewhere, or at the railway depot jumping on freight trains, but just where, with whom, in what engagement, plotting or executing for the what plottings or executing for the slender ones who plot for him, you could not tell for the life of you. He has a good home and he ought to be there at night. He likes to be somewhere else with the boys, and you lack the moral courage to insist that he shall be where he should be. You hope that he will escape the pitfall, but you know the chances are against him. Why don't you do the boy the kindness to keep him home at night? The time will come when he will thank you for it or reproach you for not doing it.

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When a man fails to think that his home town is the best town of its size in the country it is time for him to seek another location.

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